



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
FOOD AND HOUSING DIVISION

SWIMMING POOL AND SPA SELF-INSPECTION CHECKLIST

WATER QUALITY

- ☐ 1. Chlorine maintained at a minimum level of 1.5 ppm, but not to exceed 5 ppm.
- ☐ 2. pH maintained between 7.2 and 8.0.
- ☐ 3. Cyanuric acid maintained below 100 ppm.
- ☐ 4. Water clean and clear. Main drain(s) clearly visible.
- ☐ 5. Pool/Spa water test kit provided that measures free chlorine residual.
- ☐ 6. No algae in pool water, on sides or bottom, or on tile.

SAFETY SIGNS AND LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENT

- ☐ 1. Signs required: a) "No Lifeguard on Duty," b) artificial respiration schematic, c) 911, d) # (number) of occupants, e) "No Diving" (if pool is less than 6 feet in depth), and f) children under the age of 14 should not use pool without an adult in attendance.
- ☐ 2. All signs posted in a conspicuous place and maintained in a legible manner.
- ☐ 3. Life ring with attached rope to span width of pool from poolside.
- ☐ 4. Body hook with attached 12 ft. (min.) pole at poolside.
- ☐ 5. Depth markers clearly visible (located at maximum, middle and minimum depth, and at the break in slope; on both sides; and at both ends.)
- ☐ 6. Depth markers located on pool deck (if pool exceeds 20 feet in width).

FENCING/ DECKING

- ☐ 1. Pool/Spa enclosed with approved fencing (min. 5 ft. high, max. openings 4 in.).
- ☐ 2. Gates and doors are self-closing and self-latching.
- ☐ 3. An unobstructed 4 ft. min deck is provided around entire pool and around at least 50% of spa.
- ☐ 4. Pool/spa deck and coping in good repair.

RECIRCULATION SYSTEM

- ☐ 1. Effluent and influent gauges installed and operating.
- ☐ 2. Flowmeter installed and operating.
- ☐ 3. Approved automatic chlorinator in operation.
- ☐ 4. Properly secured anti-vortex covers provided for main drain(s), equalizer lines, and spa suction lines.
- ☐ 5. Skimmers and skimmer baskets clean and in working order.

PUBLIC RESTROOMS (if present)

- ☐ 1. All sinks, toilets, urinals, and showers clean and in good repair.
- ☐ 2. Floors, walls, and ceilings clean and in good repair.
- ☐ 3. Hot and cold water provided at all sinks (and showers if provided).
- ☐ 4. Soap and towels provided in approved dispensers at hand sinks.
- ☐ 5. Doors to restrooms are self-closing.
- ☐ 6. Screens in good repair and provided on all windows.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ 1. Current Health Permit (or copy) posted on site (pump room, mgrs. office, etc.).
- ☐ 2. Daily records of pool maintenance and operation available for inspector's review.
- ☐ 3. Pool is under supervision of reliable individual while in operation.
- ☐ 4. Recirculation system is in operation whenever pool is available for use.
- ☐ 5. Pool light secure and in good operating condition.
- ☐ 6. All tile on pool sides, on spa benches, and spa steps in good repair (not cracked or missing).
- ☐ 7. Ladders and handrails secure (not loose) and in good repair.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR SPAS ONLY

- ☐ 1. Spa precaution sign posted, with clean legible letters, which contains the following language:
 - a. Elderly persons, pregnant women, infants and those with health conditions requiring medical care should consult with a physician before entering a spa.
 - b. Unsupervised use by children under the age of 14 is prohibited.
 - c. Hot water immersion while under the influence of alcohol, narcotics, drugs, or medicines may lead to serious consequences and is not recommended.
 - d. Long exposure may result in nausea, dizziness, or fainting. **DO NOT USE ALONE.**
- ☐ 2. Water temperature of spa does not exceed 104°F.
- ☐ 3. Spa has at least 2 depth markers clearly visible.
- ☐ 4. Spa emergency shut-off switch sign posted (must be clearly visible to all bathers).

THE POOL/SPA WILL BE CLOSED IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS EXIST:

- 1. Main drain cannot be seen due to poor water clarity
- 2. Heavy algae growth
- 3. Main drain(s) cover(s) missing or loose
- 4. No chlorine residual
- 5. Excessive chlorine residual (greater than 50 ppm)
- 6. Loose or missing underwater light
- 7. Any condition which may be found to exist (and can't be immediately corrected) which could actually or potentially threaten the public health, welfare, and safety (i.e., fecal material in the water, gates locked in open position, foreign items in the pool or spa, etc.)

Once our Department has been notified by the owner/operator that the condition(s) for which the pool/spa had been closed have been corrected, every effort will be made to inspect and open the pool/spa as quickly as possible. However, this can be affected by staffing, prior commitments and obligations, or other conditions.

WHAT IF I HAVE A PROBLEM WITH MY POOL OR SPA OR A GENERAL QUESTION?

Contact your local Environmental Health office for your area and ask to speak to your inspector, or call the specialist on duty at our San Diego office. Also, prior to repairing, modifying, or changing any pump, heater, and/or recirculation equipment, or beginning any type of remodeling of the pool or spa, please check with our San Diego office to make sure these changes meet current codes and requirements.

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For pool and spa plan check questions, please call the San Diego office and ask for the plan check unit.